

REMARKS

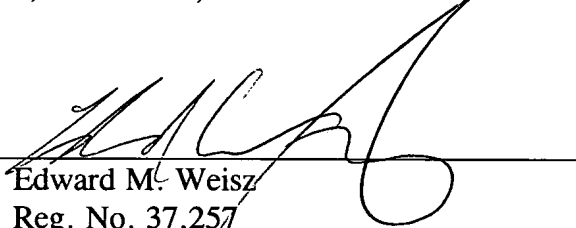
This Amendment is submitted in response to the November 12, 2004 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 16-32 but has indicated that claims 1-15 are allowable. In response, claims 16-32 have now been canceled. Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims (1-15) are now in condition for immediate allowance and a favorable action in that regard is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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